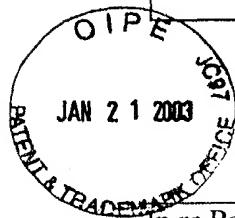


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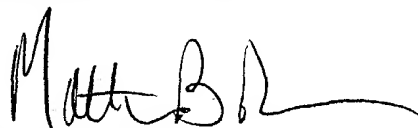
Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 24, 2002, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-33 and 66-74, drawn to an acoustic lens. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed towards the non-elected inventions. Consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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